ATHLETICS ROSTER

1944

1901 — 1944

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Wounded in Action

LT. JOHN R. SAVAGE

Wounded in action in Italy and decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart, Bob Savage, former Athletic pitcher, is believed to be the first major league casualty in action of World War II.

Savage, a native of Manchester, N. H., was 22 years December 1, 1943. He was signed by the Athletics while attending Staunton Military Academy in 1942. He hurled in 8 games for the Mackmen, starting his last three. His final big league appearance was against the Washington Senators on September 19, 1942.

After the season was over Bob returned to Staunton and finished his military education. He was commissioned lieutenant in the Army and following basic training in this country Bob went overseas and saw action in Sicily and Italy.

On November 5, 1943, he was wounded and sent to a military hospital in Italy. Bob has fully recovered except for a piece of shrapnel that is still lodged in his shoulder.

Savage seemed to have a bright future in baseball and the Athletics are wishing for him a complete and speedy recovery.

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SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE
1944

Sunday	March	26th	Baltimore at Frederick, Md.
Sunday	April	2nd	Wilmington at Wilmington, Del.
Tuesday	April	4th	Toronto at Frederick, Md.
Wednesday	April	5th	N. Y. Yankees at Frederick, Md.
Friday	April	7th	N. Y. Yankees at Atlantic City, N. J.
Saturday	April	8th	N. Y. Yankees at Atlantic City, N. J.
Sunday	April	9th	Baltimore at Baltimore, Md.
Tuesday	April	11th	Toronto at Frederick, Md.
Saturday	April	15th	Newark, at Plainfield, N. J.
Sunday	April	16th	Newark at Newark, N. J.

AMERICAN LEAGUE CIRCUIT HOTELS, 1944

Boston	Kenmore
Chicago	Del Prado
Cleveland	Hotel Cleveland
Detroit	Book Cadillac
New York	New Yorker
St. Louis	Chase
Washington	Shoreham

Athletics
Roll of Honor

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ARMY

Vernon A. Benson
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George Yankowski

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Samuel Chapman
Joseph Coleman
Edward Collins, Jr.
Lawrence Davis
Robert Harris
A. Rankin Johnson, Jr.
Bruce Konopka
Benjamin McCoy
Joe G. Moore

LIFETIME RECORDS OF THE ATHLETICS

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PITCHING AVERAGES

TALMAGE L. ABERNATHY

Free Agent, March, 1942

Year	Club	Won	Lost	IP	SO	BB	E.R. Ave.
1942	Wilmington	8	6	138	95	74	2.61
1943	Wilmington	16	10	231	198	104	3.19

JOE BERRY

Purchased, Milwaukee, Dec., 1943

Year	Club	Won	Lost	IP	SO	BB	E.R. Ave.
1927	Laurel	8	13	180	59	53	.....
1928	Gulfport	16	10	245	73	56	.....
1929	Vicksburg, Pine Bluff	21	13	297	81	58	2.66
1930	Vicksburg, Pine Bluff	14	12	195	78	56	4.90
1931	Pine Bluff	16	12	243	122	68	2.75
1932	Muskogee	2	10	100	60	27	5.13
1933	Joplin	20	15	280	124	82	.....
1934	Joplin	21	17	332	233	64	3.55
1935	Ponca City	7	5	102	66	26	2.65
1936	Los Angeles	7	7	125	70	28	3.74
1937	Los Angeles	13	13	266	91	48	2.77
1938	Los Angeles	16	11	187	90	51	3.42
1939	Los Angeles	8	7	122	62	48	4.43
1940	Los Angeles	9	5	143	69	41	2.39
1941	Los Angeles	6	10	125	48	51	5.28
1942	Tulsa	18	8	239	133	47	1.88
1943	Milwaukee	18	10	236	98	63	2.78

DONALD PAUL BLACK

Purchased, Petersburg, Va., Aug., 1942

Year	Club	Gs.	Won	Lost	IP	SO	BB	E.R. Ave.
1937	Fairbury	26	5	11	154	112	92	4.85
1941	Petersburg	19	11	5	142	119	53	2.34
1943	Athletics	33	6	16	208	65	110	4.20

RUSSELL ORMAND CHRISTOPHER

Drafted from Newark, Oct., 1941

Year	Club	Won	Lost	IP	SO	BB	E.R. Ave.
1938	Clovis	7	5	106	75	52	.....
1939	El Paso	18	7	225	163	78	3.68
1940	Wenatchee	8	8	110	61	54	4.72
1941	Newark	16	7	185	67	77	2.82
1942	Athletics	4	13	165	58	99	3.82
1943	Athletics	5	8	133	56	58	3.45

JESSE S. FLORES

Purchased from Los Angeles, Sept., 1942

Year	Club	Gs.	Won	Lost	IP	SO	BB	E.R. Ave.
1938	Bisbee	33	24	6	257	201	75	2.37
1939	Los Angeles	18	9	9	173	100	59	3.54
1940	Los Angeles	32	7	5	132	99	67	4.43
1941	Los Angeles	39	12	15	223	139	89	3.23
1942	Los Angeles	31	14	5	186	96	64	.....
1943	Athletics	31	12	14	231	113	80	3.12

LUKE DANIEL HAMLIN

Purchased, Toronto, Dec., 1943

Year	Club	Won	Lost	IP	SO	BB	E.R. Ave.
1928	Hanover	12	6	173	123	67	.....
1929	Fort Smith	20	9	248	146	88	2.50
1930	Evansville	18	7	213	148	77	3.21
1931	Beaumont	14	13	228	138	83	3.51
1932	Beaumont	20	10	221	96	63	2.79
1933	Detroit	1	0	17	10	10	.....
1933	Toronto	21	13	261	127	83	3.48
1934	Detroit	2	3	75	30	44	5.40
1935	Milwaukee	8	14	178	90	46	4.04
1936	Milwaukee	19	14	273	159	69	3.82
1937	Brooklyn	11	13	186	93	48	3.58
1938	Brooklyn	12	15	237	97	65	3.68
1939	Brooklyn	20	13	270	88	54	3.63
1940	Brooklyn	9	8	182	91	34	3.07
1941	Brooklyn	8	8	161	58	37	4.24
1942	Pittsburgh	4	4	112	38	19	3.94
1943	Toronto	21	8	228	106	46	.....

CHALMER LUMAN HARRIS

Purchased from Atlanta, Sept., 1940

Year	Club	Won	Lost	IP	SO	BB	E.R. Ave.
1937	Atlanta	1	1	51	24	19	3.00
1938	Atlanta	10	6	148	45	41	3.28
1939	Atlanta	17	8	214	72	67	3.79
1940	Atlanta	15	9	208	70	65	3.42
1941	Athletics	4	4	132	49	51	4.77
1942	Athletics	11	15	166	60	70	3.74
1943	Athletics	7	21	216	55	63	4.21

LOUIS NORMAN NEWSOM

Trade, Washington, Dec., 1943

Year	Club	Won	Lost	IP	SO	BB	E.R. Ave.
1928	Raleigh	0	5	53	21	33	6.97
1928	Wilmington	15	6	172	114	76	4.08
1929	Macon	19	18	298	149	173	3.87
1929	Brooklyn	0	3	9	6	5	11.00
1930	Brooklyn	0	0	3	1	2	0.00
1930	Jersey City	0	1	10	3	9	5.40
1930	Macon	6	3	89	47	29	2.43
1931	Little Rock	16	14	271	152	150	5.07
1932	Chicago	0	0	1	0	0	0.00
1932	Albany	4	12	145	84	80	5.28
1933	Los Angeles	30	11	320	212	124	3.17
1934	St. Louis	16	20	262	135	149	4.02
1935	St. Louis-Wash	11	18	241	87	97	4.52
1936	Washington	17	15	285	156	146	4.31
1937	Wash.-Boston	16	14	275	166	167	4.81
1938	St. Louis	20	16	330	226	192	5.07
1939	St. Louis-Detroit	20	11	292	192	126	3.58
1940	Detroit	21	5	264	164	100	2.83
1941	Detroit	12	20	250	175	118	4.61
1942	Washington	11	17	214	113	92	4.92
1942	Brooklyn	2	2	32	21	14	3.38
1943	St. Louis-Wash	4	9	92	48	56	5.87

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PLAYER'S NAME	ADDRESS
PITCHERS	
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HAMLIN, LUKE D.	Lansing, Mich.
HARRIS, C. LUMAN	Birmingham, Ala.
NEWSOM, LOUIE N.	Hartsville, S. C.
SCHEIB, CARL A.	Gratz, Pa.
WOOD, WILLIAM J.	Philadelphia, Pa.
CATCHERS	
HAYES, FRANK	Jamesburg, N. J.
MILLS, WILLIAM H., JR.	Winchester, Mass.
PARISSE, LOUIS P.	Philadelphia, Pa.
WAGNER, HAROLD E.	Palmyra, N. J.
INFIELDERS	
BUSCH, EDGAR J.	O'Fallon, Ill.
HALL, IRVING	Baltimore, Md.
JULIANO, FRANK A.	New York, N. Y.
KELL, GEORGE C.	Swifton, Ark.
RULLO, JOSEPH V.	Philadelphia, Pa.
SIEBERT, RICHARD W.	St. Paul, Minn.
SUDER, PETER	Aliquippa, Pa.
WILKINS, ROBERT L.	Denton, N. C.
OUTFIELDERS	
BURGO, WILLIAM R.	Johnstown, Pa.
FLICK, LEWIS M.	Kingsport, Tenn.
STALLER, GEORGE W.	Rutherford Heights, Pa.
WHEATON, ELWOOD P.	Drexel Hill, Pa.
WHITE, JOYNER C.	Pleasant Ridge, Minn.

letics Training Roster

AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	BATS	THROWS	CLUB 1943
22	6'2"	210	R	L	Wilmington, Del.
38	5'11"	145	L	R	Milwaukee, Wis.
25	6'	185	R	R	Athletics
26	6'3½"	180	R	R	Athletics
25	5'10½"	175	R	R	Athletics
39	6'1"	196	L	R	Toronto
28	6'1"	178	R	R	Athletics
34	6'2½"	210	R	R	Washington
17	6'1"	190	R	R	Athletics
22	5'11"	190	R	R	Free Agent
28	6'	190	R	R	St. Louis A.
23	5'10½"	175	R	R	Free Agent
32	5'10"	160	R	R	Wilmington, Del.
27	6'	160	L	R	Athletics
26	5'10"	175	R	R	Elmira, N. Y.
24	5'11"	160	R	R	Athletics
20	6'	185	R	R	Free Agent
21	5'9"	173	R	R	Lancaster, Pa.
23	5'11½"	175	R	R	Wilmington, Del.
30	6'	170	L	L	Athletics
26	6'	175	R	R	Athletics
21	5'9"	160	R	R	Free Agent
21	5'7"	185	R	R	Wilmington, Del.
29	5'9"	150	L	L	Lancaster, Pa.
25	5'11"	190	L	L	Baltimore, Md.
27	5'8"	165	L	L	Lancaster, Pa.
34	5'10½"	160	L	R	Athletics

BATTING AVERAGES

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WILLIAM R. BURGO

Purchased, Wilmington, Del., Sept., 1943

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1941	Beaver Falls	108	442	103	150	22	101	.339
1942	Newport News	122	470	94	166	16	87	.353
1943	Wilmington	138	553	112	192	20	127	.347
1943	Athletics	17	70	12	26	1	9	.371

EDGAR J. BUSCH

Purchased, Elmira, N. Y., Sept., 1943

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1938	Lafayette	113	448	67	118	2	49	.263
1939	Lafayette	128	497	78	148	0	69	.298
1940	Springfield, Ill.	126	514	89	155	5	80	.302
1941	San Antonio	98	355	44	82	0	26	.231
1941	Springfield, Ill.	31	116	23	44	3	20	.379
1942	Springfield, Ill.	75	272	41	76	3	.....	.279
1942	San Antonio	33	110	12	22	0	4	.200
1943	Elmira	133	525	86	158	0	45	.301

LEWIS M. FLICK

Purchased, Lancaster, Sept., 1943

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1938	Elizabethtòn	101	412	66	128	4	64	.311
1939	Elizabethton	105	404	52	120	5	53	.297
1940	Elizabethton	114	495	124	181	14	113	.366
1941	Elizabethton	117	502	127	210	5	116	.418
1942	Elizabethton	99	422	71	143	3	56	.339
1943	Lancaster	122	510	116	191	3	66	.375

IRVING HALL

Purchased from Williamsport, 1942

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1937	Pocomoke City	72	275	41	60	.....	10	.218
1938	Pocomoke City	113	469	87	136	9	44	.290
1939	Pocomoke City	61	255	45	86	9	39	.337
1939	Syracuse	44	139	14	30	.....	6	.216
1940	Charleston, S. C.	118	466	45	124	.....	37	.266
1941	Williamsport	134	494	68	131	.....	45	.265
1942	Williamsport	138	528	67	158	.....	50	.299
1943	Athletics	151	544	37	139	.....	54	.256

FRANK WITMAN HAYES

Trade, St. Louis, Jan., 1944

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1933	Montreal	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	.....
1933	Athletics	3	5	0	0	0	0	.000
1934	Athletics	92	248	24	56	6	30	.226
1935	Buffalo-Albany	109	321	56	94	12	52	.293
1936	Athletics	144	505	59	137	10	67	.271
1937	Athletics	60	188	24	49	10	38	.261
1938	Athletics	99	316	56	92	11	55	.291
1939	Athletics	124	431	66	122	20	83	.283
1940	Athletics	136	465	73	143	16	70	.308
1941	Athletics	126	439	66	123	12	63	.280
1942	Athletics-St. L.	77	222	22	55	2	22	.248
1943	St. Louis	87	249	16	47	5	30	.189

GEORGE C. KELL

Purchased, Lancaster, Sept., 1943

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1940	Newport, Ark.	48	169	14	27	0	14	.160
1941	Newport, Ark.	118	462	71	143	1	75	.310
1942	Lancaster	127	465	56	139	0	30	.299
1943	Lancaster	138	555	120	220	5	79	.396

LOUIS P. PARISSE

Purchased, Wilmington, Sept., 1943

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1939	Allentown	41	119	19	29	4	17	.244
1943	Wilmington	120	393	52	110	3	65	.280

JOSEPH V. RULLO

Purchased, Wilmington, Del., Sept., 1943

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1939	Federalsburg	112	469	91	115	9	39	.245
1940	Federalsburg	115	415	62	88	5	33	.212
1941	Newport News	121	452	85	138	12	93	.305
1942	Newport News	137	497	57	106	2	40	.213
1943	Wilmington	133	494	85	143	7	55	.289
1943	Athletics	16	55	2	16	0	6	.291

DICK SIEBERT

Purchased from Columbus, Ohio, May, 1938

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1929	Waynesboro	9	15	1	1	0	.....	.067
1930	Waynesboro	13	38	4	12	0	.....	.316
1932	Dayton	98	380	62	131	5	.....	.345
1932	Brooklyn	6	7	1	2	0	0	.286
1933	York	111	413	38	110	0	41	.267
1933	Dayton	23	93	18	32	1	21	.344
1934	Albany	1	1	0	0	0	0	.000
1934	Dayton	66	270	57	99	3	48	.367
1935	Buffalo	140	534	93	158	13	71	.296
1936	Indianapolis	123	466	76	154	5	75	.330
1936	Brooklyn	2	2	0	0	0	0	.000
1937	Columbus	88	352	54	112	7	62	.318
1937	St. Louis (N.)	22	38	3	7	0	2	.184
1938	St. Louis (N.)	1	1	0	1	0	0	1.000
1938	Columbus	9	36	5	12	0	7	.333
1938	Athletics	48	194	24	55	0	28	.284
1939	Athletics	101	402	58	118	6	47	.294
1940	Athletics	154	595	69	170	5	77	.286
1941	Athletics	123	457	63	156	5	79	.341
1942	Athletics	153	612	57	159	2	74	.260
1943	Athletics	146	558	50	140	1	72	.251

GEORGE W. STALLER

Purchased, Baltimore, Sept., 1943

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1937	Beatrice	36	147	26	52	3	30	.354
1938	Dayton	124	492	84	180	3	92	.366
1939	Elmira	137	557	93	187	2	68	.336
1940	Montreal	151	609	94	187	14	85	.307
1941	Montreal	53	118	12	31	5	16	.263
1941	Nashville	42	157	18	45	3	....	.287
1942	Baltimore	129	442	56	125	20	72	.283
1943	Baltimore	153	575	75	175	14	100	.304
1943	Athletics	21	85	14	23	3	12	.271

PETER SUDER

Drafted from Kansas City, Oct., 1940

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1938	Binghamton	135	539	73	150	10	97	.279
1939	Binghamton	67	258	33	64	4	25	.248
1939	Newark	42	148	14	35	2	17	.236
1940	Binghamton	140	571	73	172	16	78	.301
1941	Athletics	139	531	45	130	4	52	.245
1942	Athletics	128	476	46	122	4	54	.256
1943	Athletics	131	475	30	105	3	41	.221

HAROLD E. WAGNER

Free Agent, May, 1937

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1938	Spartansburg	63	215	39	70	1	26	.326
1938	Athletics	33	88	10	20	0	2	.227
1939	Newark	62	201	26	55	2	31	.274
1940	Athletics	34	75	9	19	0	10	.253
1941	Athletics	46	131	18	28	1	17	.214
1942	Athletics	104	288	26	68	1	30	.236
1943	Athletics	111	289	22	69	1	26	.239

ELWOOD P. WHEATON

Purchased, Lancaster, Sept., 1943

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1936	Williamsport	138	590	113	183	2	69	.310
1937	Willmspt.-Elmira	107	377	49	97	0	25	.257
1938	Winston-Salem	16	65	11	18	0	6	.277
1938	Elmira	66	237	27	60	1	22	.253
1939	Hazleton	101	432	98	185	1	52	.330
1940	Hazleton	121	456	66	137	3	63	.300
1941	Lancaster	127	483	69	142	2	71	.294
1942	Lancaster	137	524	45	134	1	63	.256
1943	Lancaster	137	514	106	167	7	103	.325

JOYNER CLIFFORD WHITE

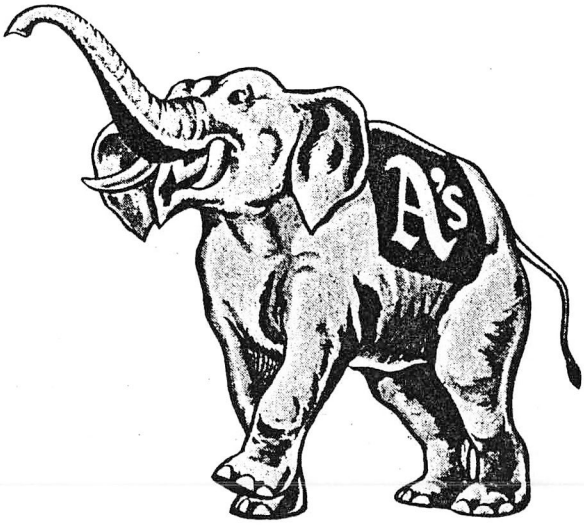
Purchased from Seattle, 1942

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1928	Carrollton	96	364	92	120	27	.....	.330
1929	Fort Smith	137	491	96	153	8	.....	.312
1930	Fort Smith	112	453	123	143	22	.....	.316
1931	Beaumont	161	634	106	189	5	.....	.298
1932	Detroit	79	208	25	54	2	.....	.260
1933	Detroit	91	234	43	59	2	34	.252
1934	Detroit	115	384	97	120	0	44	.313
1935	Detroit	114	412	82	99	2	32	.240
1936	Detroit	58	51	11	14	0	.....	.275
1937	Detroit	94	305	50	75	0	21	.246
1938	Detroit	78	206	40	54	.....	15	.262
1939	Seattle	165	648	126	186	1	54	.287
1940	Seattle	161	600	115	177	8	53	.295
1941	Seattle	147	547	80	159	2	49	.291
1942	Seattle	165	585	88	175	2	64	.299
1943	Athletics	139	500	69	124	1	30	.248

ROBERT L. WILKINS

Free Agent, July, 1943

Year	Club	Gs.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Ave.
1943	Wilmington	27	108	21	28	0	6	.259



Introducing . . .

PITCHER LUKE D. HAMLIN returns to the majors via Toronto, where he enjoyed a big season in 1943, winning 21 games and losing but eight. Luke, sometimes known as "Hot Potato," entered pro ball in 1928 in the Blue Ridge League. Detroit property for several seasons, he also has been on the payroll of Brooklyn and Pittsburgh. He has one child.

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CATCHER WILLIAM HENRY MILLS, JR., was signed by the A's last fall. The stocky backstop caught for Holy Cross University and his collegiate plate average was almost .400. "Buster," who is English-Irish, was married last November and makes his home in Arlington, Mass. In the off season is a physical education instructor in a Boston health institute.

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PITCHER LOUIS NORMAN NEWSOM needs no introduction to either American or National League fans. "Buck," or "Bobo" was obtained during the winter in a trade which sent Roger Wolff to Washington. With St. Louis and Washington in the American League in 1943.

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INFIELDER FRANK A. JULIANO is a New York boy who was given a tryout while the Athletics were playing the Yankees last summer in New York. Played high school and semi-pro ball.

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THIRD BASEMAN GEORGE CLYDE KELL was purchased last fall from Lancaster of the Interstate League. An Arkansas boy, Kell led Interstate batters in 1943 with a handsome average that fell only a little below .400. His 220 hits went for 314 total bases. Played Legion baseball and at Arkansas State College before entering pro ball in 1940. His .396 batting average for 1943 was highest for all minor leaguers and won him the year's minor bat title.

INFIELDER ROBERT LINWOOD WILKINS played semi-pro ball in North Carolina before being signed by the A's and sent to Wilmington, where he played 27 games in 1943. Played high school ball at Denton, N. C., and at Catawaba College, North Carolina. His dad once played in the Virginia League.

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PITCHER WILLIAM JOHN WOOD starred on the hill for Villanova College but has had no professional experience, being inducted into the army before his graduation from college. He served 13 months before receiving his honorable discharge. Answers to the nickname "Woodie" and is a husky lad at 190 pounds and just under six feet.

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INFIELDER JOSEPH RULLO broke into 16 games for the A's late in 1943 after his purchase, along with Burgo, from Wilmington. Joe hit in those 16 games at a .291 clip. Prevously, with Wilmington, he played 133 games and batted just undere the .290 mark. Born in New York, he makes his home in Philadelphia.

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CATCHER LOUIS PETER PARRISSE was another player brought up late in 1943 from Wilmington, where he hit .280 last season in some 120 games. Married and father of two children. Got into six games for the Mackmen in 1943. Nickname, "Tony."

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PITCHER CARL ALVIN SCHEIB was only 17 years of age last New Year's day, having been signed out of high school by the A's. Was in six games for the Athletics late last season. Stands over six feet tall and hails from Gratz, Pa.

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PITCHER JONAS ARTHUR BERRY was purchased from Milwaukee last December. "Jittery Joe," a veteran of several years' minor league experience, won 18 games for Tulsa in 1942, then after a trial with the Cubs went to the Brewers, for whom he won 18 games and lost 10 last season. Father of two boys and lives in Huntsville, Ark.

Outfielder Lewis Miller Flick also was purchased from Lancaster last fall. This rookie, of German-Dutch ancestry, played a month in organized baseball in 1935 with Abbeville, La., then followed with three years in the semi-pro ranks before going to Elizabethton of the Appalachian League. Last season hit .375 for Lancaster to finish second to Kell in the batting title race. Married and has one son.

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Pitcher Elwood Pierce Wheaton did an all-around job last season for Lancaster of the Interstate League, managing, pitching, and playing the outfield and infield. Batted .325 through 137 games. Entered pro ball in 1936 with Williamsport. Won 13 games and lost three to lead Interstate hurlers last season.

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Outfielder William Ross Burgo was brought in by Connie Mack late last season from Wilmington and in 17 games he hit .371, his 26 hits going for 37 total bases. "Bill," an Italian youngster, will be playing only his fourth year in organized ball. Hit .347 for Wilmington last season. Makes his home in Johnstown, Pa.

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Infielder Edgar John Busch was another rookie given a trial late last season by the Mackmen and in four games he hit .294. Ed played high school ball at Lebanon, Ill., and entered the pro field in 1938 with Lafayette, La. In 133 games with Elmira last year hit better than .300. Is married and has one child.

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Outfielder George Walborn Staller was brought in for a trial late in 1943, got into 21 games and batted .271, making three homers and as many triples in 26 safeties. Of Dutch extraction, Staller is married and has a son. Entered pro ball in 1937 and was Brooklyn property several years. Batted over the .300 mark for Baltimore last season.